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State Senator Bob Duff My Continuing Priority: Protect You and Your Family

These tough economic times are not new. We've weathered the storms before. With a little patience and some good ol' Yankee grit, we'll get through this one, too. Right now, I'm moving quickly in three areas to smooth out the bumps for you and add an extra degree of protection.

Protecting Seniors from Financial Scam

Unsuspecting seniors are getting bilked out of their life savings and these acts of fraud are made even easier by illegitimate would-be investment advisors who use bogus self-appointed titles like Certified Retirement Financial Advisor, Certified Senior Advisor, Certified Elder Planning Specialist and others.

My colleagues and I passed a bill this year that makes it a crime to make false claims of special training, education or experience in providing financial services to seniors, punishable by a fine of \$2,000, two years imprisonment or both.

Protecting Students from Predatory Lenders

For many years, salespeople representing banks have stalked college campuses with applications for credit cards and lines of credit. To protect Connecticut's public college students, the legislature passed a bill with these provisions:

- Requires campus registration of soliciting credit card companies
- Bans enticements or incentives to lure students to apply for credit cards
- Mandatory debt education to be provided for students
- Absolutely no sale of student information to credit card companies

Disappointment with Agency Response to Airspace Request

Several months ago, I led a regional bipartisan coalition of state lawmakers that wrote to the president asking that he direct the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to reconsider the new airspace plan that has resulted in increased commercial air traffic over southwestern Connecticut.

Unfortunately, our concerns appeared to have been largely dismissed out-of-hand by Washington bureaucrats. A recent study conducted by the Government Accountability Office has concluded that the change in flight pattern would only result in minimal improvements to New York's busiest airports.

My colleagues and I will continue to advocate for a repeal of the new Integrated Airspace Redesign. Moreover, I will work closely with our congressional delegation to encourage the FAA to adopt measures that will genuinely improve air travel.

More Choices Mean More Savings for Electricity Consumers

While CL&P provides utility services to the towns of Norwalk and Darien, you may be surprised to know that you have the right to choose from whom you buy your electricity. More than 177,000 customers have chosen their electric supplier and experienced savings on their electric costs. That, however, only represents about 11.5 percent of all Connecticut's electric customers.

CL&P does provide information about electric choice on its Web site www.cl-p.com or contact the state Department of Public Utility Control's Consumer Outreach Unit at 888-922-3782 for details on how you can shop for electricity.